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SUBJ: 1975 DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE DPQ(75)

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1. IN EARLY MARCH, DRAWING ON INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, MISSION SENT A LETTER TO ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY OUTLINING US DESIRES FOR COVERAGE OF BASIC ISSUES FORCE IMPROVEMENTS IN DPQ(75) AND IN 1975 ANNUAL DEFENSE REVIEW COUNTRY CHAPTERS. INITIALLY IS OFFERED ITS USUAL RESISTANCE TO SUGGESTED CHANGES TO ANNUAL DPQ, USING ARGUMENT THAT IF COUNTRIES REPORT STATUS OF EFFORTS TO MEET NATO FORCE GOALS, IS CAN CONDUCT STOCKTAKING OF BASIC ISSUES. AFTER MISSION OFFICERS FOLLOWED UP LETTER WITH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS), IN WHICH MISSION OFFICERS ALSO ADDRESSED CROSS-SERVICING (REFS B AND C), IS AGREED TO PROPOSE SOME MODIFICATIONS (QUOTED PARA 4 BELOW) FOR DPQ(75) WHICH CALL FOR MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON BASIC ISSUES. IN IS VIEW, SHELTERS WILL RECEIVE ADEQUATE COVERAGE IN MBFR ADDENDUM III AND IN NATIONAL RESPONSES TO NATO FORCE GOALS. MISSION UNDER-CONFIDENTIAL

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STANDS IS WILL LABEL MBFR ADDENDUM III FOR SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION IN ACCORD WITH REQUEST FROM IMS MBFR EXPWETS.

2. IS HAS NOW CIRCULATED A NOTE WITH ANNEXES (DRC/N(75)10,

POUCHED) WHICH OUTLINES SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES FOR DPQ(75), INCLUDING IS RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNTRIES UTILIZE REVISED DESIGNATIONS OF FORCES (ISMWM 13-75) IN RESPONDING TO DPQ(75), AND INVITES DRC AT A NOT YET SCHEDULED MID-APRIL MEETING TO APPROVE FORWARDING DPQ(75) TO COUNTRIES. MISSION IS CONTINUING CORRIDOR WORK WITH IS, ESPECIALLY ON EW COVERAGE. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF DPQ(75).

3. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:

INTRODUCTION

THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS NOW PREPARING THE 1975 DEFENCE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE DPQ(75) WHICH CAN BE SENT OUT TO COUNTRIES AS SOON AS APPROVED BY THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

TABLES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

2. THE QUESTIONNAIRE, INCLUDING THE ADDENDA, SHOWS NO CHANGE OF SUBSTANCE FROM THE DPQ(75) APART FROM THE FOLLOWING:

(A) IN THE MEMORANDUM COUNTRIES ARE INVITED IN COMMENTING UPON THEIR PLANS TO MEET THE 1975-1980 FORCE GOALS, TO UPDATE THEIR RESPONSE TO THE INDIVIDUAL FORCE GOAL MEASURES AS SHOWN IN THE SUMMARY ATTACHED TO LAST YEAR'S COUNTRY CHAPTER IN THE DPC/D(74)21 SERIES OF DOCUMENTS. A STANDARD FORMAT FOR REPORTING THE NECESSARY REVISIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE (SEE ANNEX A).

(B) COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE ASKED IN THE MEMORANDUM TO REPORT SPECIALLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED AD 70 MEASURES AND ON THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME. HOWEVER, TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE REQUEST MADE BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IN THEIR LETTER OF 11TH MARCH (CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE), THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DETAILED INFORMATION ON ANTI-ARMOUR DEFENCE, AIRFIELD AND AIRCRAFT PROTECTION, WAR RESERVE STOCKS, MOBILE AIR DEFENCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT AND MODERN AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS. THE MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED ARE SHOWN AT ANNEX B, ATTACHED).

(C) THROUGHOUT, THE QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN AMENDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REVISED DESIGNATIONS OF FORCES AS GIVEN IN THE PROPOSED CORRIGENDUM NO. 4 TO MC 57/3(1). THE ASSUMPTION MUST BE THAT THESE WILL BE APPROVED BEFORE THE DESPATCH OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

(D) IN THE ARMY SECTION AT ANNEX 1 TO TABLE II, COUNTRIES ARE ASKED, IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED, TO GIVE THE ESTIMATED ALLOCATION OF MILITARY

PERSONNEL TO COMBAT AND NON-COMBAT TROOPS. AT PRESENT VARIOUS MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE IN A PROCESS OF REORGANIZING THEIR LAND FORCES WITH THE AIM OF MAKING SAVINGS IN OVERHEADS, AND IN THE CASE OF AT LEAST ONE COUNTRY, OF STRENGTHENING THE FIGHTING CAPABILITY BY SHIFTING PERSONNEL FROM SUPPORT ACTIVITIES TO COMBAT FUNCTIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL DEFENCE REVIEW THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE EXISTING RATIOS BETWEEN COMBAT AND NON-COMBAT TROOPS, AS WELL AS THE PLANNED RATIOS, INFORMATION WHICH IS AT PRESENT LACKING. (SEE THE PROPOSED NEW PART B TO ANNEX 1 TO TABLE II, ARMY: "ALLOCATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL TO COMBAT AND NON-COMBAT TROOPS" AT ANNEX C).

ADDENDA TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

3. THE REPORT BY PLANNING ELEMENT (ADDENDUM I OF THE DPQ IN PREVIOUS YEARS) IS NOT BEING CALLED FOR THIS YEAR. DELEGATIONS SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH INFORMATION MAY BE CALLED FOR IN ANOTHER CONTEXT OR MAY BE REQUIRED IN REPLY TO THE NEXT DPQ.

RECOMMENDATION

4. THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE IS INVITED TO APPROVE THE DESPATCH OF DPQ(75) AS SET OUT IN THIS NOTE WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE AGENDA OF A MEETING TO BE HELD IN MID-APRIL.

END TEXT OF NOTE.

5. TEXT OF ANNEX B FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT OF ANNEX B:
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RE.: US LETTER OF 11TH MARCH, 1975

THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC MODIFICATIONS MAY BE NOTED:

1. DIRECTIVE FOR THE MEMORANDUM

UNDER QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICES:

- FOR THE ARMY, THE FOLLOWING TEXT WILL BE INSERTED IN THE SECTION DEALING WITH MODERNISATION AND REPLACEMENT PLANS:

"THE INFORMATION PROVIDED SHOULD COVER AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE CONCEPT, STATUS OF STUDIES AND CHOICE OF WEAPON SYSTEMS FOR:

A ANTI-ARMOUR DEFENCE (INCLUDING THE DENSITY OF WEAPONS IN MANOEUVRE BATTALIONS),

- MOBILE AIR DEFENCE,

- ELECTRONIC WARFARE."

- FOR THE NAVY, INFORMATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON ELECTRONIC WARFARE CAPABILITY, BOTH THE CHANGES INCIDENTAL TO MODERNISATION AND REPLACEMENT, AND THE STATUS AS A WHOLE;

- FOR THE AIR FORCE, UNDER LOGISTIC SUPPORT, INFORMATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON CROSS-SERVICING FACILITIES FOR AIRCRAFT.

2. SERVICE SECTIONS: LIST OF AIR FORCE AMMUNITION

THIS WILL BE AMENDED TO ENSURE THAT COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY TYPES SUITABLE FOR ANTI-ARMOUR DEFENCE.
END TEXT OF ANNEX B.PEREZ

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